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Letter dated 18 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

With reference to the decision of the General Assembly, contained in document A/55/252/Add.2, taken on the recommendation by the General Committee, contained in document A/55/250/Add.2, to include in the agenda and to consider directly in plenary meeting of the General Assembly an additional item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization on the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons", I have the honour to request you to schedule the item for Friday, 20 October 2000.

As was pointed out in my earlier letter and explanatory memorandum on the subject (A/55/234), this agenda item is of an urgent character, as the Relationship Agreement between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons was signed on 17 October 2000. It is befitting for the General Assembly to react as soon as possible to the important event of the signing of this Agreement. I should therefore also like to request a waiver of the seven-day period that must elapse after the additional item is placed on the agenda, in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

I think it would be desirable for the Director-General of the Organization on the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, who signed the Agreement, to participate in the general debate. I would therefore also like to request that the Director-General be given the opportunity to address the General Assembly.

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